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Tyco Docket 18063 (AT 20958-2116)  
PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Brian Patrick Costello and George  
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Serial No.: 10/810,135

Filed: March 26, 2004

For: GUIDE RECEPTACLE WITH TANDEM  
MOUNTING FEATURES

Art Unit:

Examiner:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

1. We enclose the following documents:

- Preliminary Amendment Transmittal (3 pgs, in duplicate)
- Preliminary Amendment (3 pgs)
- Annotated drawing sheets (1 page)
- Replacement drawing sheets (1 page)
- Return postcard

**STATUS**

2. Applicant

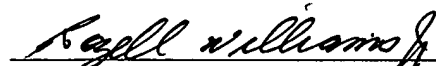
\_\_\_\_\_ claims small entity status.  
  ✓   is other than a small entity.

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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is, on the date shown below, being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated below in an envelope addressed to the MAIL STOP Non Fee Amendments, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, Express Mail No. EV 298646318 US.

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### EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
_____ first month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
_____ second month	\$ 410.00	\$ 205.00
_____ third month	\$ 930.00	\$ 465.00
_____ fourth month	\$1,450.00	\$ 725.00
_____ fifth month	\$1,970.00	\$ 985.00

Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

*(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)*

\_\_\_\_\_ An extension of \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

OR

- (b)   ✓   Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

## FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(Col. 2) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Col. 3) PRESENT EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY ADDITIONAL RATE FEE	OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY ADDITIONAL RATE FEE
TOTAL		MINUS		=	x \$9 = \$		x \$18 = \$
INDEP.		MINUS		=	x \$42 = \$		x \$84 = \$
— FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$140 = \$		+ \$280 = \$
					TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$

- (a) T No additional fee for Claims is required

**OR**

- (b) \_\_\_\_\_ Total additional fee for claims required \$

## FEE PAYMENT

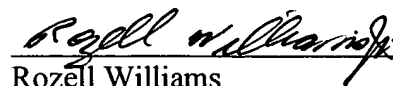
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Attached is a check in the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

## FEE DEFICIENCY

6. ✓ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

**AND/OR**

- ✓ If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Other:

  
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Applicants hereby request entry of the following Amendment prior to examination of  
the above-referenced application.

## AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes a change to Figure 2. This sheet replaces the original sheet for Figure 2. In Figure 2, reference numeral 45 has been changed to reference numeral 48 to correct a typographical error and ensure compliance with the Specification.